

AMERICAN GIRL IN CHINA FOR STATES

Viola Smith, of California, Is First Woman to Be Assistant Trade Commissioner.

BY EDNA LEE BOOKER.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 20.—Miss Viola Smith, a young woman from California, who has served as clerk to the United States trade commissioner in China for the past two years, has been appointed assistant trade commissioner in the United States department of commerce, thereby winning the distinction of being the first American woman to hold this office.

When Miss Smith, backed by the United States trade commissioner and the United States commercial attaché in Shanghai, applied for permission to take the examination for the office she bumped into a stone wall of opposition. No woman had ever held the post of United States assistant trade commissioner. However, Miss Smith was undaunted and made a second application for permission to take the examinations, which, if she passed, would secure her appointment. Because of her splendid work in the government service and the recommendation of her chiefs in Shanghai the questions were forwarded here from Washington.

Made High Marks.
Miss Smith came through with colors flying and her appointment as the first woman assistant trade commissioner was called to the office of the commercial attaché in Shanghai. The young woman is well qualified to fill this office, as she has made a careful study of exports and imports during the last seven years. Part of this time she spent in universities in study and part in practical work in large import and export firms in America.

Miss Smith, who comes from California, is a graduate of the Washington college of law. Following her college work she was employed by the United States department of labor at Washington, D. C. After three years of work in this department she was appointed confidential clerk to the assistant secretary of labor and in 1918 as assistant to the chief of women's division, United States employment service.

Two years ago Miss Smith came to China in the United States department of commerce, and during this time she made a study of trade promotion work in all its ramifications. She has found her work fascinating and revealed in the trade problems which the average woman would find of little interest and which would stump many men.

Has Much Trade Data.
She has investigated the opportunities for American trade along many lines and can supply information as to whether China is in the market for sewing machines, baby buggies, planes, airplanes, cotton mills, or pianos.

During the winter Miss Smith made a survey of the building boom now taking place in Shanghai and compiled statistics of value to the local business firms. Along this line Miss Smith de-luxed that, aside from securing actual building contracts, American capital should find an excellent opportunity for investment in projects such as new hotels, street and sewerage systems, and planning mills, brick and tile works, plumbing supplies and heating and ventilating equipment.

Miss Smith believes that more courses in foreign trade, with stress laid on imports and exports and exchange, should be given in the colleges and universities of America and that these courses should be open to the fair co-ed. According to Miss Smith, foreign trade is a new field for women, and she believes that other women would find the work as full of interest as she does.

TARIFF WON'T HURT U. S.-CHINESE TRADE

American Attaché at Shanghai Says Less Than 20 Per Cent of Exports Affected.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 20.—Four as to the effect of the new American tariff on China-American trade is being felt by a number of import and export men in the Orient.

According to a statement given out by the American Commercial Attaché here today, however, the new American tariff will have less effect on China than any other country, as less than 20 per cent of China's exports to the United States will be affected.

"The bulk of China's exports to America," said the attaché, "in aggregate valuation, comprises raw cotton, silk, tea, hides, undressed furs, fur skins, carter wool, wood, oil and sausage casings, which are continued on the free list, constituting in China's exports to the States about 70 per cent."

"Hair nets, strawbraid, feathers and down are admitted upon the same duties as obtained in the 1913 tariff."

"The commodities which will be most seriously affected are egg products, peanut and soybean oils, peanuts and walnuts. The trade in these products under the new tariff will undoubtedly be reduced to very small proportions. However, it must be borne in mind that they constitute less than 20 per cent of China's trade with the United States."

CHURCH THAT HARBORS HOMELESS TOO POPULAR

LONDON, Nov. 20.—The historic old church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, which has for many years provided lodging for the homeless, may cease its nightly hospitality. "Too many tramps and revellers are filling the church each night," Rev. Dick Smith, the vicar says.

LEFT-HANDEDNESS CURED.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Nov. 20.—An intensive campaign to cure left-handedness among pupils in local schools here has resulted in a reduction from 250 to 66 since 1919. In the enrollment of nearly 12,000 this is slightly more than one-half of one per cent.

STRANGLES WIFE TO DEATH WITH SILK STOCKING

CIVIC NATL. O., Nov. 20.—(By U. P.)—Charles Cobb, age 40, confessed that he strangled his 33-year-old wife to death by stuffing a silk stocking in her throat, police declared he said. "Saturday night we had a party and drank some moonshine. When Georgia got drunk I tried to put her to bed and she started yelling. I picked up one of her stockings and stuffed it in her mouth. I didn't realize she was dead."

FAVORS DRASTIC POST-WAR PLANS

England's Salvation to Levy on Capitalists Or to Organize Unemployed, Shaw Says.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Great Britain must clean up her domestic post-war problems immediately if she is to continue as a world power, according to George Bernard Shaw. Shaw believes there are only two possible remedies for the post-war difficulties in England, and drastic as they are he urges that one or the other be adopted. Shaw's proposed remedies are:

A levy upon capital.
Organization of unemployed so that their labor may become productive.

"The war debt is a complicated business," says Shaw. "The war has already been paid for; wars cannot be fought on credit."

"We commandeered the lives and limbs, the eyes and legs and arms and all the rest of the billets found by the German bullets. We commandeered something more. Young men had to sacrifice their education; and older men who had built up businesses and professional practices had to throw them into the which's commandeered without compensation or apology."

"With the ready money it was different. Take my own case. I did not give my professional practice. I did not give an eye, or an arm, or a leg, much less both eyes, both arms, both legs. I did not give my life. I did not give my nerve. I am not shell-shocked. I did not give my money. I invested it at 5 per cent. I would have invested it at 4, but the government offered me 1 per cent extra for the sake of my beautiful eyes, and I accept it."

"But I did not quite get it. The government stopped about a third of it for income tax and then had the audacity to super-tax me on the money they had not paid me."

"Why do I get so little sympathy for these intolerable wrongs?" "It is simply because the others are being treated worse. Those who invested their lives have cheap graves in Gallipoli or Flanders, except when they have been so thoroughly blown to smithereens that there is nothing left to bury."

"Those who gave their businesses and practices are begging for any sort of job that will keep the bodies and souls of their families together. But it must not go on unless two things are done. One is to do what should have been done from the first—that is to put the money creditors on the same footing as the limb creditors."

"They must sacrifice part of their incomes as the others have sacrificed part of their bodies, and part of their means of earning an income. And as it would be unfair to confine this sacrifice to those who at least lent their money to the country instead of proffering with it the levy must fall equally on all capitalists."

"The other remedy is to take all the unemployed and organize their labor productively, so that they may be a source of income to the country instead of an expense to it."

HIGH COURT DECIDES MATERNITY OF INDIAN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(By U. P.)—The supreme court decided today that Minnie Atkins is the mother of Thomas Atkins, Creek Indian boy, and thereby brought to an end a long controversy over who is the legal owner of some acres of valuable oil and gas lands in Oklahoma.

Nancy Atkins claimed she was the mother and was entitled to royalties from the land.

Lower courts held that Minnie was the boy's mother and the Supreme court affirmed their decision.

YOUTHFUL FINANCIER'S TRIAL IS CONTINUED

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—"Willie" Dalton, boy financier who walked off nearly two years ago with more than \$700,000 in bonds belonging to the Northern Trust company, will go on trial for the third time on Jan. 3, according to a decision of Judge Hopkins in criminal court today. Attorneys for both sides asked a continuance when the case was called for today.

Each of the two former trials of the boy resulted in disagreement of the jury.

Yeggs Imprison Watchman In Ice Box, Steal \$5,000

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—(By U. P.) Bandits today cracked the safe of the Green Mill Gardens, Chicago's most noted cabaret, and escaped with \$5,000. James H. Schmitz, night watchman, was bound and placed in the ice box. He was nearly frozen when released three hours later.

CHILDREN TO WORK ON LANGUAGE OF PARENTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Superintendent Boylan, of the Bronx public schools, has named a committee to help standardize English among students. After the students have attained a fair degree of versatility in speech they will be asked to convert their parents.

Skin Tortured Babies Sleep Mothers Rest After Cuticura

Reads: "Cuticura..."

Wilhelm on His Wedding Day



This extraordinary photograph shows the former kaiser leaving his closed automobile and entering the lodge at Doorn castle for the civil part of the marriage ceremony. The picture was taken with a long-distance camera by a photographer stationed outside the castle grounds.

YANKS IN RUSSIA FORM GIANT TRUST

Clothing Syndicate's First Big Purchase Will Be Million Dollars in Cotton.

MOSCOW, Nov. 20.—Purchase of a million dollars worth of cotton in the United States will be one of the first business acts of the American Industrial Corp., incorporated in the state of Delaware, which has entered into a contract with the Soviet government to operate a number of clothing factories throughout Russia.

The contract was drawn by Sidney Hillman, of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of the United States, assisted by Earl Dean Howard, of Northwestern university, and J. K. Thompson, former president of the Cottonseed Oil Corp.

The American Industrial Corp. has a capital of one million dollars, and under its agreement with the Soviet government it will operate a clothing trust in the cities of Moscow, Petrograd, Kazan, and Nizhni-Novgorod.

Already there have been recruited 20,000 Russian workers for the industry, who will be directed by American executive officers.

Although the corporation is primarily for the purpose of carrying on a clothing manufacturing business it is authorized to invest in other enterprises and has authority to open a private bank to receive money from and transmit money to America. It is also planned for the company to open a tourist bureau.

Under the terms of the agreement the Soviet government guarantees to pay the company back its accumulated profits in the event that the company agreement is withdrawn. Under the terms of the contract the capital of the company may be withdrawn upon two months' notice, after the company has been in operation for three years.

Stockholders in the corporation include Lenin and persons in the United States, Canada, England, France, Mexico and Lithuania. Lenin purchased two paid-up shares, paying for his shares with American banknotes.

All dealings of the company will be on a gold basis, and Hillman, the organizer, predicts dividends of 25 per cent. He hopes that eventually there will be 400,000 people on the payrolls of the company.

The corporation has accepted all of the Soviet labor laws, but has been given the status of a favored corporation.

Moscow papers state that See'y of Commerce Hoover has given assurances that the United States will not interfere with the agreement or its operation.

AMERICAN TOURIST IS MURDERED IN MEXICO

CALEXICO, Calif., Nov. 20.—An investigation was underway today in the killing of Dick Newton, an American of Williams, Calif., over the line near Mexicali, Mexico, Sunday.

Newton and a companion went

across to Mexicali, Sunday, to "see the sights," according to the companion, they engaged a Mexican taxi driver to take them for a ride. After they had gone a distance into the country, the driver, he declared, demanded their money and when Newton attempted to remonstrate, shot him through the side. Newton started to run and was shot through the back. His body was found later. The companion succeeded in returning to this side of the border with his story.

MILLIONAIRE "RED" PLANS TO SURRENDER

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—Authorities today waited for the surrender of William Ross Lloyd, millionaire "red" under sentence of from one to five years for violation of the state espionage act. Lloyd was found in hiding in Chicago by newspapermen. He told them that he has to wind up business affairs and would give himself up Thursday.

FORD BUYS MINE

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—In accordance with his program of supplying for himself all raw materials required for the manufacture of automobiles, Henry Ford today has bought a coal mine for \$1,250,000, according to reports carried here today by a new ticker company.

Mr. Ford's mine is known as the Dexcar colliery and is situated in the non-union field at Davey, MacDowell county, W. Va., on the line of the Norfolk and Western railroad. It produced a valuable fuel for the manufacture of coke which is used in steel-making. Its monthly output is from 30,000 to 40,000 tons.

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